

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A game console in an electronic card game system comprising a power supply, a display, a processor, memory means, electronic game card reading means, electronic game card writing means, electronic game card receiving means, and communication means for communicating with at least one other game console, the processor being configured for

reading a first data item from an electronic game card at least partially inserted in the electronic game card receiving means, using the electronic game card reading means, the electronic game card comprising a memory comprising changeable data, the changeable data comprising at least one game related attribute and at least one value associated thereto;

receiving a second data item from a second game console using the communication means, the data comprising at least one game related attribute and at least one value associated thereto;

generating a game result based on the first data item and the second data item in respect of the at least one game related attribute and the at least one value associated thereto;

writing at least one first new value related to the at least one game related attribute to the memory of the electronic game card, using the electronic game card writing means;

transmitting at least one second new value data in relation to the at least one other game console using the communication means; and

displaying, on the display, at least one of: the first data item, the second data item, the at least one first new value related to the at least one game related attribute of the electronic game card, at least one second new value related to the at least one game related attribute related to the second game console, and a game result.

18. (Previously Presented) A game console according to claim 17, wherein the power supply is one of a battery and a mains power supply.

19. (Previously Presented) A game console according to claim 17, wherein the game result is also based on a random function.

20. (Previously Presented) A game console according to claim 17, wherein at least one of the at least one first new value and at least one second new value data is decreased.

21. (Previously Presented) A game console according to claim 17, wherein the communication means is arranged for at least one of wireless communication and wired communication.

22. (Previously Presented) A game console according to claim 17, further comprising game control means for allowing a player to select among a plurality of game related attributes and initiate a game.

23. (Previously Presented) A game console according to claim 17, further arranged to be one of handheld and stationary.

24. (Previously Presented) In an electronic game card game system, comprising at least a first game console and a second game console, the first game console comprising a power supply, a display, a processor, memory means, electronic game card receiving means, electronic game card reading means, electronic game card writing means, and communication means for communicating with at least one other game console;

an electronic game card able to be at least partially inserted into the electronic game card receiving means of the first game console, the electronic game card comprising a memory comprising changeable data, the changeable data comprising at least one game related attribute and at least one, value associated thereto; the electronic game card when inserted into the electronic game card

receiving means, being configured for

allowing reading of the at least one value related to the at least one game related attribute, using the electronic game card reading means; and

receiving at least one new value, which new value is generated by the processor of the first game console and which is related to the at least one game related attribute, using the electronic game card writing means.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) An electronic game card game system according to claim 24, comprising at least two game consoles ~~comprising a power supply, a display, a processor, memory means, electronic game card reading means, electronic game card writing means, electronic game card receiving means, and communication means for communicating with at least one other game console~~, the processor being configured for: reading a first data item from an electronic game card at least partially inserted in the electronic game card receiving means, using the electronic game card reading means, ~~the electronic game card comprising a memory comprising changeable data, the changeable data comprising at least one game related attribute and at least one value associated thereto~~; receiving a second data item from a second game console using the communication means, the data comprising at least one game related attribute and at least one value associated thereto; generating a game result based on the first data item and the second data item in respect of the at least one game related attribute and the at least one value associated thereto; writing at least one first new value related to the at least one game related attribute to the memory of the electronic game card, using the electronic game card writing means; transmitting at least one second new value data in relation to the at least one other game console using the communication means; and displaying, on the display, at least one of: the first data item, the second data item, the at least one first new value related to the at least one game related attribute of the electronic game card, at least one second new value related to the at least one game related attribute related to the second game console, and a game result; and further comprising at least two electronic game cards according to

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